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METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY

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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. (Refs. 1-4)
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto. (Ref. 1)
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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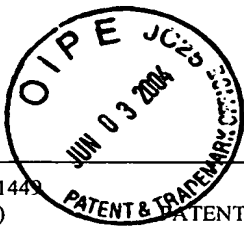
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